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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE - SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD

ENDING NOON APRIL 24

1. GENERAL

THE MODERATE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY WHICH HAS GENERALLY PREVAILED IN SOUTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE MID-AFTERNOON, APRIL 21 CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER 24 HOURS. THE AREA ALONG HWY 22 IN HAU NGHIA AND TAY NINH PROVINCES WAS THE FOCUS OF ACTIVITY IN MR-III AND THE HIGHWAY REMAINS BLOCKED BY NVA UNITS. THE NUMBER OF NVA/VC INITIATED INCIDENTS ROSE SOMEWHAT IN THE DELTA WITH FIGHTING CENTERED IN DINH TUONG AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES. OVERALL, A RELATIVE CALM PERSISTED IN MRS III AND IV AS COMMUNIST FORCES

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CONTINUE THEIR BUILDUP AND REPOSITIONING.

2. MR-III

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AREA ALONG HWY 22 IN HAU NGHIA AND TAY NINH PROVINCES WHERE SOME SHARP FIGHTING TOOK PLACE, MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR-III REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. HIGHWAY 22 REMAINS BLOCKED BY THE NVA. THERE WAS CONTINUING COMMUNIST PRESSURE IN LONG AN PROVINCE AND BIEN HAO AIRBASE RECEIVED SCATTERED 130 MM ARTY ROUNDS. THE BASE REMAINED OPERATIONAL. A REGT OF THE NVA 325TH DIV WITH SUPPORTING ARMOR IS REPORTED TO BE POISED ON PROVINCIAL ROUTE 2 SOUTH OF XUAN LOC WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THRUSTING DOWN HWY 2 TO BA RIA AND THE JUNCTION WITH HWY 15 RUNNING FROM SAIGON TO VUNG TAU.

3. MR-IV.

NVA/VC INITIATED CONTACTS ROSE SOMEWHAT DURING THE PERIOD WITH 90 INCIDENTS REPORTED WHILE GVN OPERATIONS RESULTING IN CONTACTS DECLINE D

TO 53. MOST ACTIVITY CENTERED IN DINH TUONG AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES. IN CHUONG THIEN, THE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED A SECOND ATTACK IN AS MANY DAYS AGAINST KIEN HUNG DISTRICT HQS. THE DEFENDERS ARE HOLDING WELL. ACTIVITY IN AN XUYEN INCREASED PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA NEAR CA MAU WHERE THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT CONTACT RESULTING IN FAIRLY HEAVY CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. PHONG DINH REMAINS QUIET.
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